—Establishing direct business contacts by Indian businessmen with Malaysian counter-parts.

—Effective functioning of Joint Commission and Joint Business Council to solve the existing trade issues with Indonesia.

—A suggestions was also made to Indian firms to take the benefit of Common Effective preferential Tariff (CEPT) system which existed in ASEAN countries which could enable foreign investors to enjoy a tariff concession ASEAN countries if the finished product contained a minimum 40% local content. Indian industr was also advised to concentrate on Indo-China region which offers tremendous potential for trade and investment.

(c) Total imports from and exports to southeast Asian countries i.e. Vietnam, and ASEAN countris during 1987-88 and 1393-94 (April-February) were as under:

(In U&S Million)

	Imports	Exports
1987-88 . . .	1090.93	385.29
1993-94 (Apr.—Feb.) . .	958.94	1484.33

Demand of Indian mangoes in foreign countries

7354. SHRI VIRENDRA KAT-ARIA : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the demand for Indian mangoes in foreign countries has increased.

(b) if so, the quantity and quality of mangoes likely to be exported during the year; and

(c) the foreign exchange likely to be earned as a result thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE) (SHRI PRANAB MUK-HERJEE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) During the year 1994-95, the estimated exports of 'A' grade mangoes like Alphanso, Kesar, Totapuri, Banganpalli, Dus-hari etc. is likely to be 30000 metric tons and would earn an estimated foreign exchange equivalent of Rs. 50 crores.

Duty Free Import of Capital Goods

7355. DR. NAUNUHAL SINGH : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are allowing duty-free import of capital goods against a high export obligation;

(b) if so, who have been the beneficiaries so far; and

(c) how much loss has occurred to the Exchequer due to this Policy during the year 1993-94 ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUK-HERJEE) : (a) and (b) An adhoe exemption order under section 25(2) of the Customs Act has been issued granting exemption from Customs duty on capital goods, toolings and spares valued at approximately Rs. 333 crores to be imported by M/s. Maruti Udyog Limited. The exemption is subject to the condition that M/s. Maruti Udyog Ltd. shall export 1,40,000 YE-2 Cars during the period of seven years commencing from 1st April, 1995. The apr proximate value of YE-2 Cars to be exported will be Rs. 2100 crores. In case of any shortfall in the export obligation fixed for each year, M/s. Maruti Udyog Limit

shall pay duty for gone for that year whcih will be proportionate to the shortfall in export obligation for that particular year.

In no other case such exemption with export obligation has been permitted so far.

(c) The duty foregone in respect of exemption granted to M/s. Maruti Udyog Limited works out to approximately Rs. 117 Crores at Project Import rate of duty. Duty foregone in this manner should not be treated as a loss as it will enable the country to penetrate into a highly competitive automobile market in the developed countries.

Export of milk products and vegetables etc.

7356. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of milk, milk products, oil cake, vegetable oils, fruits and vegetables exported during the last three years, names of the countries to which these were exported alongwith the amount of foreign exchange earned from the same;

(b) whether Government propose to increase the export of these items; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUK-HERJEE) : (a) The quantity a nd value of exports in respect of milk' milk products, oil cakes, vegetable oils, fruits and vegetables for the last three years are as under :—

Value : Rs. in lakhs

Qty : In MTS.

Items	1991-92		1992-93		1993-94 (Apr.– Dec.)	
	Qty.	Value	Qty.	Value	Qty.	Value
*1. Milk Powder . .	2294	892	591	379	3358	1170
*2. Milk Products . .	348	229	500	448	895	1090
3. Oil cakes . . .	1723616	86492	372032	35766	592884	46542
4. Vegetable oils . .	7300	1210	107	143	321	642
*5. Fruit and vegetables .	496526	29855	394683	29343	540000	44500

(SOURCE : *APEDA and DGCIS, Calcutta).

As regards countries of export, this information is available in the Monthly Statistics of the Foreign Trade of India published by the Dte. General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics, Calcutta. Copies of these publications for the years 1991-92, 1992-93 and 1993-94 (Provisional from April to December, 1993) have already been laid on the Table of both the Houses of Parliament.

(b) and (c) Government plans to encourage exports of fresh fruits vegetables, oil cakes, milk and milk products, vegetable oils etc. in a big way. The introduction of a unified exchange rate, liberalisations made in Exim Policy for 1992-97—lowering of import duty on certain inputs and materials required by the agriculture sector, extension of the benefit available to units under the 100% Export Oriented nit/Export